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TAGS: PFOR, PK, AF

SUBJ: PAK/AFGHAN RELATIONS

REF: (A) MADRID 1393; (B) ISLAMABAD 1829

1. IN COURSE OF A MEETING THIS MORNING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT REQUESTED BY HAYAT MEHDI, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR UN AFFAIRS, DCM QUERIED MEHDI ABOUT PRESIDENT ELAHI'S VISIT TO KATHMANDU TO ATTEND CORONATION. MEHDI MENTIONED HE HAD SAT IN ON DISCUSSIONS HELD BY SENATOR PERCY WITH THE PRESIDENT REGARDING PAK/AFGHAN RELATIONS. MEHDI SAID SENATOR PERCY HAD URGED UPON THE PRESIDENT THE DESIRABILITY OF BOTH PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN DESISTING FROM MUTUALLY RECRIMINATORY PROPAGANDA WHICH HAS LED TO INCREASED TENSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. SENATOR PERCY FIRST SUGGESTED SUCH PROPAGANDA CEASE FORTHWITH BUT IT WAS FINALLY AND TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT AN EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO BRING THIS ABOUT BY MARCH 1 (REFTEL A).

2. IT WAS MEHDI'S UNDERSTANDING AMERICAN EMBASSIES IN ISLAMABAD AND KABUL WOULD BE ASKED BY THE SENATOR TO SERVE AS INTERMEDIARIES IN GETTING GOP AND GOA TO CEASE HOSTILE PROPAGANDA EMANATING FROM THEIR COUNTRIES.

3. SENATOR PERCY ALSO REPORTED TO THE PAKS STATEMENTS MADE BY NAIM AS EMBODIED PARA 7 REFTEL A. HERE AGAIN IT WASDW  
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MEHDI'S UNDER

STANDING THAT THE SENATOR HAD UNDAJTAKEN TO  
REQUEST EMBASSY KABUL TO SEEK CONFIRMATION FROM DAOUD THAT  
NAIM POSITION ALSO THAT OF GOA. PRESIDENT ELAHI AND OTHERS  
ON THE PAKISTAN SIDE WERE OF BELIEF THAT IF NAIM'S STATEMENTS  
WERE FOUND TO ACTUALLY REPRESENT THOSE OF PRESIDENT DAOUD,  
THIS WOULD INDEED REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT, ONE  
WHICH COULD LEAD NOT ONLY TO AN END TO THE PROPAGANDA WARFARE  
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BUT ALSO TO THE QUICK INITIATION  
OF CONSULTATIONS AND IMPROVED RELATIONS.

WE WONDER WHETHER DEPART-  
MENT IS UNDER IMPRESSION FROM  
DEBRIEFING OF SENATOR PERCY THAT U.S. EMBASSY IN KABUL WAS  
TO HAVE SOUGHT CONFIRMATION FROM DAOUD OF NAIM'S REMARKS IN  
NEPAL AS THIS CERTAINLY DID NOT COME THROUGH TO US IN READING  
THE SENATOR'S MESSAGE FROM MADRID. WE ARE NATURALLY  
INTENSELY INTERESTED IN THIS EXERCISE AND WOULD WELCOME ANY  
FURTHER INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE THAT EMBASSY KABUL AND  
DEPARTMENT MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.  
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